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RAILROAD CLASSIFICATION AND REPAIR YARDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
LANG DANG, NORTH VIETNAM
2139N 10634E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A RAILROAD CLASSIFICATION YARD AND RAIL CAR/LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE, FURTHER EVIDENCE OF INCREASED ACTIVITY ALONG THIS LINE.

2. LOCATION:

THESE RAIL FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION ARE LOCATED FOURTEEN NM SOUTHWEST OF LANG SON.

3. MISSION READOUT:

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4. COLLATERAL:

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ALL OF THE MORE THAN 1,750 SERVICEABLE FREIGHT CARS COUNTED WERE IN THE GENERAL HA NOI AREA -- OVER 650 WITHIN 10 NAUTICAL MILES AND MORE THAN 1,100 WITHIN 30.

ON THE BASIS OF THIS ESTABLISHED FIGURE, IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT 2,000 - 2,300 FREIGHT CARS ARE PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT 100 - 120 LOCOMOTIVES ARE AVAILABLE.¹

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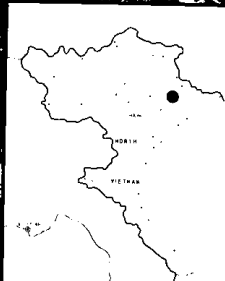


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PROBABLE
TURNTABLE/ROUNDOUSE

RAIL SPUR

MAINTENANCE/REPAIR
BUILDINGS

MAINTENANCE/REPAIR
BUILDINGS

6-TRACK
CLASSIFICATION
YARD

TURNING WYE

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